

EMC Funding Strategy 2020



The Eisdell Moore Centre was established to bring together researchers and clinicians to undertake multidisciplinary research aimed at developing prevention, treatment and interventions for hearing impairment and balance disorders.

This year we have \$340,000 of funding from the Hearing Research Foundation to distribute as grants.

Types of Grants

- 1. Project/Capability Grants (max \$70k for up to 2 years).** These are grants for extending current research or maintaining capability within a research group while seeking longer-term funding. Applicants should ensure their applications are directed towards meeting the Centre's strategic objectives, that they involve collaborations within the Centre and preferably across universities and should describe how the project may influence subsequent grant applications.
- 2. Innovation/Explorer Project (seeding) Grants (max \$70k for up to 2 years):** These should demonstrate new and innovative ideas or approaches to answering questions of importance to the Centre's objectives. These grants may be to, for example, test the feasibility of a research plan, establish methods or develop pilot data for a larger, future, application. Applicants should ensure their application is directed towards meeting the Centre's strategic objectives, that the project involves collaborations within the Centre and preferably across universities and should describe how the research collaboration may influence subsequent grant applications.
- 3. Māori Research Project Grant (1 grant, max \$70k for up to 2 years):** This grant is for Māori-Centred, Kaupapa Māori, and Mātauranga Māori Research in hearing and balance. It must uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and support the advancement of Māori knowledge, resources, and health equity. It is expected that a significant proportion of the research team will be of Māori ethnicity.
- 4. Pacific Research Project Grant (1 grant, max \$70k for up to 2 years):** This grant is for research that will improve hearing and balance health for Pacific peoples, families and communities, within New Zealand and the Pacific region. It is expected that a significant proportion of the research team will be of Pacific descent.
- 5. PhD student and Clinician Grants (approximately \$5,000 for up to 2 years).** These grants are designed to support additional working expenses for doctoral (eg PhD, MD) students and to assist practising clinicians to become engaged in research. \$5,000 is an indicative value of the grant, but we will be happy to receive applications for greater values if warranted.

Objectives and funding priorities

The funding priorities for 2020 are:

1. To encourage research that partners with Māori Communities.
2. To encourage research that partners Pacific Communities
3. To ensure that capability of the Centre is maintained and continuity of funding is available for EMC Members in light of the impacts of CoVID19 on research in New Zealand.
4. To encourage multicentre/multidisciplinary research, clinician and community research.

The EMC will support work to develop grant proposals by providing:

- Mobility funding, and meeting facilitation and organisation to get groups together to develop their research proposals.
- Webinar with a Q and A regarding the development of a grant proposal.
- Webinar with Q and A regarding Māori responsiveness and addressing Vision Mātauranga.

Timeline

- 28 July 2020 Webinar – EMC grant round 2020, grant proposal development
- Date TBC Webinar – Māori Responsiveness and Vision Mātauranga
- **30 September 2020 - Closing date for applications**

Submission

Grants should be submitted to the EMC directly (emcentre@auckland.ac.nz). University of Auckland applicants do not need to upload their applications to the Research Funding Module – this will be managed post-award. Applicants from other institutions should follow the submission processes for their institution.

The following MUST be submitted with your application:

1. Email confirmation from all named investigators that confirms they have read the application and that their involvement in the project is as stated on the application.
2. Email confirmation from your Research Support Team that confirms the budget for the project has been checked and that salary costs are accurate.

CoVID19 Impacts

The Centre appreciates the longer term impacts that CoVID19 may have on research programmes and their continuity, including delayed progress and the inability to complete all aims of a research project. This might affect ability to publish findings and apply for further funding over the next year.

If CoVID19 has had a significant impact on your research programme/ability to apply for funding, please outline these in a separate document that is submitted with your application.

Assessment

- Assessment of the grants will be undertaken in October and November and successful applicants will be notified at the end of November 2020.
- The Centre is finalising an assessment process that will differ to previous years. This process will be communicated prior to the grant submission deadline.

Guidelines and Eligibility

- Please ensure you follow the instructions in the application notes.
- The Centre encourages joint funding research proposals. We currently have an agreement with the AMRF and with the Neurological Foundation that they will jointly fund projects with us and are happy to engage with other funding agencies as necessary. Please contact Dr Meagan Barclay (m.barclay@auckland.ac.nz) if you plan to submit your application to other agencies in addition to the EMC.
- The Centre will not fund:
 - Salaries (i.e. buy out) of academic staff or professional staff currently employed permanently in host universities
 - Student stipends and course fees
 - Equipment and computers
 - Conference travel – this must be applied for separately.
- The Centre will fund salary buy out for clinicians that are employed by DHB's and private practices to facilitate their participation in a research project.
- Applicants must be employed by, or enrolled at a New Zealand Institution. Institution does not only refer to tertiary institutions and can be a clinic, company, DHB etc.
- The Directorate makes the final decision and has the right to add or modify criteria or conditions of the grants to ensure awards align with the Hearing Research Foundation funding expectations and conditions of its donation.
- The Oversight Board of the EMC provides final approvals for distribution of funding.